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*To the Chairman and Members of the
Penybont Rural District Council*

Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the State of the Health of the Rural District of Penybont for the year 1968. This report has been prepared on the lines laid down in Circular 1/69 (Wales) of the Welsh Board of Health.

Area of the Rural District	41,212 acres
Rateable Value, April 1967	£1,363,856
Estimated Product of a Penny Rate	£5,847
Registrar General's estimate of Population Mid 1968	£49,310
Census Population Figures :	
Census 1911	22,324
Census 1921	27,710
Census 1931	29,209
	Males 14,972
	Females 14,237
Census 1951	35,063
	Males 18,007
	Females 17,056
Census 1961	42,104
	Males 20,974
	Females 21,130
Censal Increase 1951—1961 ...	7,041
Number of inhabited houses, 1921	5,832
Number of inhabited houses, April 1968	16,044
Extracts from Vital Statistics :	
	<i>Total</i> <i>Male</i> <i>Female</i>
Live Births—	
Total Births	1,052 ... 545 ... 507
Legitimate	996 ... 516 ... 480
Illegitimate	56 ... 29 ... 27
Still Births	
Legitimate	18 ... 13 ... 5
Illegitimate	— ... — ... —
Deaths—	
Under 1 year of age	21 ... 13 ... 8
Legitimate	21 ... 13 ... 8
Illegitimate	— ... — ... —
Deaths—	
Under 4 weeks of age	15 ... 8 ... 7
Legitimate	15 ... 8 ... 7
Illegitimate	— ... — ... —
Deaths—	
Under 1 week of age	14 ... 8 ... 6
Legitimate	14 ... 8 ... 6
Illegitimate	— ... — ... —

Death Rates of Infants under 1 year	20.0
Still Births and Death Rate of Infants under 1 week ...	30.0
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	74.0

GENERAL AND WELFARE SERVICES

1—Services provided by the Glamorgan County Council—

- (a) At the Divisional Health Office, Quarella Road, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 2515), the following services are provided :—

Maternity and Child Welfare Home Nursing, Chiropody, Home Help, School Medical and Health visiting. These services are administered by the Divisional Medical Officer.

- (b) Mental Health Services—

During the year a new Area Mental Office was established at the County Council Clinic at Elm Crescent, Bryntirion, Bridgend, Tel. Bridgend 5297. It is an advantage to have an office sited in the Mid-Glamorgan area as previously all urgent requests for assistance from this service were routed through the central office at Cardiff.

- (c) Ambulance Service—

The Ambulance Station for your area is situated at the Ambulance Centre, Canal Road, Neath (Tel. No. Neath 3641).

- (d) Welfare Service—

The local office for this service is at the Cambria House, Wyndham Street, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 3535). Officers of the Welfare Department are available to offer assistance and advice to those in need of hostel accommodation, the blind and the handicapped.

In the Mid-Glamorgan area there are seven County Council Homes, which provide accommodation for aged persons of both sexes. These are Craig-y-Parcau, Bridgend (19M, 20F); Moorlands, Porthcawl 7M, 18F); Danygraig, Porthcawl (21M, 12F); Hyfrydol, Maesteg 12M, 24F); Trem-y-Mor, Bettws (14M, 21F); Troed-y-Ton, Kenfig Hill (8M, 29F); and Llannerch, Merthyr Mawr (15M, 20F).

GLAMORGAN ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY VITAL STATISTICS, 1968

							Estimated Population 1968	Live Births		Deaths		Infant Mortality		Peri-Natal Mortality			
								Number of Live Births	Rate per 1,000 population		Number of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Population	Ratio of local adjusted Death rate to national rate	Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total births	Rate per 1,000 live births	Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week	Rate per 1,000 live and still births
England and Wales	...	...	...	...	...	...	48,593,000	822,000	16.9		577,000	11.9		14.0	18.0	20,600	25.0
Adminstrative County	...	...	...	...	...	...	742,920	12,225	16.5	16.9	9,285	12.5	1.20	17.0	20.8	372	29.9
Urban Districts	...	...	...	...	...	...	524,650	8,515	16.1	17.0	6,723	12.3	1.23	19.8	20.8	270	32.5
Rural Districts	...	...	...	...	...	...	218,270	3,710	17.0	16.2	2,562	10.0	1.14	16.1	18.6	102	26.9
Health Division	Constituent Districts																
Aberdare and	Aberdare	Urban	...	...	...	...	38,560	679	17.6	19.2	586	15.2	1.28	8.8	28.0	19	28.0
Mountain Ash	Mountain Ash	Urban	...	...	...	...	28,150	442	15.7	15.7	369	13.1	1.33	28.6	20.4	20	43.9
Caerphilly and	Caerphilly	Urban	...	...	...	...	39,130	774	19.8	19.4	452	11.6	1.21	16.5	28.4	27	34.3
Gelligaer	Gelligaer	Urban	...	...	...	...	34,460	616	17.8	17.8	409	11.8	1.29	9.6	19.5	12	19.3
Mid-Glamorgan	Bridgend	Urban	...	...	...	...	15,190	188	12.4	12.8	156	10.3	0.93	25.9	15.9	8	41.5
	Maesteg	Urban	...	...	...	...	21,280	340	16.0	16.6	268	12.6	1.30	23.0	11.8	10	28.7
	Ogmore and Garw	Urban	...	...	...	...	20,390	327	16.0	16.5	262	12.8	1.31	18.0	21.4	12	36.0
	Porthcawl	Urban	...	...	...	...	13,120	206	15.7	18.5	177	13.5	0.91	4.8	19.4	2	14.5
	Penybont	Rural	...	...	...	...	49,310	1,052	21.3	20.4	607	12.3	0.98	16.8	20.0	32	29.9
Neath and	Neath	M.B.	...	...	...	...	29,910	386	12.9	13.4	390	13.0	1.17	20.3	25.9	14	35.5
District	Neath	Rural	...	...	...	...	40,960	652	15.9	16.5	519	12.7	1.29	22.3	45.5	17	47.2
Pontypridd and	Llantrisant	Rural	...	...	...	...	31,800	742	23.3	24.0	352	11.1	1.29	15.9	16.2	18	23.9
Llantrisant	Pontypridd	Urban	...	...	...	...	35,060	547	15.6	15.9	470	13.4	1.17	10.8	21.9	16	28.9
Port Talbot and	Glyncorrwg	Urban	...	...	...	...	9,480	185	19.5	18.9	104	11.0	1.36	31.4	48.6	10	52.4
Glyncorrwg	Port Talbot	M.B.	...	...	...	...	51,310	756	14.7	14.6	557	10.9	1.25	19.5	22.5	27	35.0
South East	Barry	M.B.	...	...	...	...	42,450	636	15.0	15.5	462	10.9	1.01	18.5	9.5	13	20.1
Glamorgan	Cardiff	Rural	...	...	...	...	28,030	536	19.1	17.6	338	12.1	1.12	9.2	14.9	9	16.6
	Cowbridge	M.B.	...	...	...	...	1,350	35	25.9	25.6	11	8.1	0.71	27.8	—	1	27.8
	Cowbridge	Rural	...	...	...	...	22,530	363	16.1	18.4	167	7.4	1.09	18.9	13.8	9	24.3
	Penarth	Urban	...	...	...	...	22,960	370	16.1	17.4	325	14.2	1.12	23.7	13.5	12	31.7
West Glamorgan	Gower	Rural	...	...	...	...	15,960	256	16.0	16.8	171	10.7	1.01	7.8	7.8	4	15.5
	Llwchwr	Urban	...	...	...	...	26,080	408	15.6	16.7	321	12.3	1.14	28.6	17.2	16	38.1
	Pontardawe	Rural	...	...	...	...	29,680	409	13.8	15.6	408	13.7	1.29	21.5	12.2	13	31.1
Rhondda	M.B.	...	...	...	...	...	95,590	1,320	13.8	14.2	1,404	14.7	1.41	17.9	29.5	50	37.2



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(e) Children's Department—

The office of the Children's Department of the County Council is at the County Hall, Cardiff. There is however, a sub-office at Minerva Street, Bridgend (Tel. No. 2725).

2— Hospital Services—

Hospital facilities for your area are administered by the Mid-Glamorgan Hospital Management Committee. The office of this Committee is at "Garthmor," Old Road, Neath (Tel. No. 3606). The following is a list of the hospitals and clinics serving the Mid Glamorgan area.

- (i) Bridgend General Hospital, Quarella Road, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 3341)—408 beds.
- (ii) Bridgend and District Cottage Hospital, Merthyr-mawr Road, Bridgend (Tel. No. 2427)—36 beds.
- (iii) Cefn Hirgoed Hospital, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 2478) 78 beds. (54 for Chest Diseases, 10 for Obstetrics, 14 for Gynaecology).
- (iv) Blackmill Isolation Hospital (Tel. Ogmore Valley 207)—44 beds (26 for Infectious Diseases, 18 for Pre-Convalescence).
- (v) Heddfan, Cefn Hirgoed Hospital, Bridgend (Tel. No. Aberkenfig 240)—16 beds for aged persons.
- (vi) Maesgwyn Hospital, Bryncethin. Tel. No. Aberkenfig 371). —Inpatient—61 beds for aged persons. Day Hospital—Accommodation for 25 persons.
- (vii) Maesteg General Hospital (Tel. Maesteg 3116)—69 beds, (55 General, 14 Maternity).
- (viii) Maesteg Isolation Hospital (Tel. Maesteg 2127)—18 beds, (8 for Infectious Diseases, 10 for Pre-Convalescence).
- (ix) Llwydarth Hospital (Tel. Maesteg 2110)—13 beds. (G.P. beds).

In the Penybont Rural District area, there are three mental hospitals under the control of the Morgannwg Hospital Management Committee.

These are—

- (1) Penyfai Hospital 190 beds
- (2) Glanrhyd Hospital 517 beds
- (3) Parc Hospital 1,101 beds
- (vii) Bridgend Chest Clinic, Old Cottage Hospital, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 2345).
- (viii) V.D. Clinic, Oakwood Street, Port Talbot. Tel. 2900

3— Services provided by Government Departments :

The Local Offices of the Ministry of Employment and Productivity are housed at Angel Street, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 2651).

These offices serve the following areas in the Penybont Rural District—

Aberkenfig, Tondy, Bryncethin, Brynmenyn, Cefn Hirgoed, Coity, Heolycyw, Pencoed, Wick, Southerndown, Ogmore-by-Sea, Ewenny and Cefn Cribbwr.

The offices for the Western area of your district are situated at—

The Central Buildings, 57 Mary Street, Porthcawl (Tel. Porthcawl 2282).

These offices serve the following areas in the Penybont Rural District—

Stormy Down, Cornelly, Kenfig Hill and Pyle.

Cases in receipt of benefit referred by the Ministry of National Insurance to the Welsh Board of Health and claimants of disablement benefit under the National Industrial Injury Act are examined at Garth-Celyn, Merthyr-mawr Road, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 3658).

4— General Practitioner Services :

This service is provided by the Glamorgan Executive Council, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff. Telephone: Cardiff 26216.

5— Laboratory Facilities

All bacteriological and chemical analysis relating to water, milk and ice-cream are carried out for your area by the Glamorgan County Public Health Laboratory, The Parade, Cardiff.

6— Care of the Aged

- (a) As is permitted by the National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 31, the product of a penny rate is made available to Old Age Pensioners' Association within your area. The Associations are informed that the money available to them is for the benefit of all old people within your area of the Association concerned.

(b) Meals on Wheels Service.

This Service which was introduced in 1966 has continued to maintain its popularity. Meals are provided twice weekly to handicapped and aged persons who are incapable of providing meals for themselves. The numbers show very little fluctuation from week to week and those in receipt of the meals express their appreciation of the Service generally and the standard of the meals provided. The charge to the recipient is 1/3d. per meal, the local authority contributing the remainder.

During the year an average of 350 meals were provided each week and the annual cost was £5,742.

- (c)** A further aid to the aged is provided through a donation of £300 made to the Porthcawl Rest Convalescent Home which enables them to spend a holiday or short period of convalescence there. In recent years the Rest Home has been modernised and facilities improved and all those who visit praise the arrangements which exist for their enjoyment.

7—National Assistance Act, 1948

(a) Section 50—Burial of the Dead

During the year the cost of burying one person was accepted by your Council.

The total amount expended under this section of the Act was £21 15s. 0d.

TUBERCULOSIS

Facilities for the diagnosis and home and clinic treatment of Tuberculosis are obtained through The Chest Physician, Old Cottage Hospital, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 2345). The Chest Physicians are also responsible for the medical treatment of cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis at the Cefn Hirgoed Isolation Hospital.

(a) New Cases and Mortality during 1968.

Particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and of deaths from the disease in the area during 1968.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—								
1—								
5—	1							
15—								
25—								
35—	3	1		1	1			
45—		1		1		1		
55—	1	1						
65 and upwards	1							
Age unknown								
Totals ...	6	3	—	2	1	1	—	—

(b) Cases transferred to Register from other Areas during 1968.

M.	Pulmonary		...	M	Non-Pulmonary		...	Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary Total
	F.	Total			F.	Total		
2	2	4	...	—	—	—	...	4

(c) Number of Cases on Tuberculosis Register at commencement of year.

M.	Pulmonary		...	M.	Non-Pulmonary		...	Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary Total
	F.	Total			F.	Total		
105	67	172	...	12	16	28	...	200

(d) Number of Cases on Tuberculosis Register at end of year.

M.	Pulmonary		...	M.	Non-Pulmonary		...	Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary Total
	F.	Total			F.	Total		
102	61	163	...	12	15	27	...	190

**Notification of Tuberculosis during 1968 and the
previous Twenty Years**

<i>Year</i>	<i>CASES</i>			
	<i>Pulmonary</i>	<i>Pulmonary</i>	<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>	<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>
	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
1948	21	18	11	11
1949	25	26	10	9
1950	29	19	6	9
1951	27	18	9	8
1952	26	26	4	4
1953	24	17	3	9
1954	21	13	8	7
1955	26	13	8	1
1956	19	8	2	4
1957	13	10	4	3
1958	9	12	—	—
1959	15	5	1	3
1960	13	4	—	5
1961	10	11	1	4
1962	8	6	—	3
1963	7	5	1	1
1964	10	8	1	4
1965	6	5	2	—
1966	7	7	3	2
1967	11	3	—	1
1968	6	3	—	2

**Deaths from Tuberculosis during 1968 and the
previous Twenty Years**

<i>Year</i>	<i>DEATHS</i>			
	<i>Pulmonary</i>	<i>Pulmonary</i>	<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>	<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>
	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
1948	13	5	—	1
1949	9	2	1	3
1950	9	5	3	1
1951	4	2	1	3
1952	5	—	1	—
1953	8	5	—	1
1954	10	4	1	1
1955	5	2	—	—
1956	5	3	—	—
1957	6	1	—	—
1958	4	—	—	—
1959	5	2	1	—
1960	6	2	1	—
1961	5	—	—	—
1962	3	2	—	1
1963	2	—	1	1
1964	2	—	—	1
1965	—	1	1	—
1966	4	2	—	1
1967	1	—	—	—
1968	1	1	—	—

SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

1.—Water.

The statutory water undertaking for the Rural District is the Mid-Glamorgan Water Board, of which the Council is a constituent authority with five members sitting on the Board. The other constituent authorities are Cowbridge Borough, the Urban Districts of Bridgend, Maesteg, Porthcawl and Ogmore and Garw, and the Rural District of Cowbridge.

The Board serves in all a population of approximately 144,000 with an average of $7\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons a day rising to $8\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons a day in times of dry weather.

The Board owns a number of sources of water, both surface and underground, throughout its area. Penybont receives its supply from numerous sources, the two main sources, however, are a soft upland water from the head-waters of the River Ogmore and its tributaries and a hard water from the large underground source at Schwyll, near Ogmore-by-Sea.

There are 24 dwellings without a mains water supply; these are isolated farms or dwellings which have their own arrangements for utilising a nearby water source.

There are no stand pipes within the district, each house receiving an individual water supply.

It is intended in conjunction with the Glamorgan County Council that Schwyll be subject to fluoridation during 1970.

2.—Drainage and Sewerage.

The major part of your district is adequately sewered. Where there is an absence of sewers, pail closets and cesspools are in use.

3.—Public Cleansing.

The Council has organised the collection of House Refuse throughout the district twice weekly.

4.—Cesspool Cleansing.

The Council have four cleansing vehicles and provide a free service to private dwellings. There is a variation allowed in respect of business premises such as public houses, etc. In all cases where cleansing has exceeded 38,000 gallons per year appropriate charges are made. Difficulties are being experienced in maintaining the service due to man-power problems and where staff are frequently transferred to refuse collection duties.

Tabulated Statement of Inspections

	No. of Inspections	Informal Notices	Work Done	Work Not Done	Work in Progress	Statutory Notices	Work Done	Work Not Done	Work in Progress
Public Health Acts	890	72	35	11	12	10	6	3	1
Housing Acts	262	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Slaughterhouse, Butchers' Shops	310	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Knackers' Yard	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Factories, etc	160	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Schools	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cinemas	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Petrol and Carbide Stores	96	80	68	15	8	—	—	—	—
Shops and Food Premises	240	31	25	—	6	—	—	—	—
Infectious Diseases:—									
Investigations	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fumigation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Drains Tested	345	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Refuse Accumulations	41	172	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

7.—Caravan Sites.

There are five sites established in the area, four are privately owned and licensed by the authority. These are Wig Fach 352, Ogmore-by-Sea 150, Kenfig 58 and Danygraig 25. Parts of the sites at Wig Fach and Ogmore-by-Sea are occupied by residential caravans; the number at Ogmore-by-Sea are gradually being reduced and will be replaced by holiday caravans. The Heronstone site is owned and was developed by the Council and house 60 families in residential caravans.

No major public health problems occurred on any of the sites during the year.

8.—Rodent Control.

A full time rodent operative is employed by the Council for the eradication of rats and mice. Private householders' complaints are treated free of charge and business premises are covered by an all in charge of 10/- per hour.

The following table gives the numbers of premises treated throughout the year:—

Dwelling houses	201
Council premises	4
Agricultural premises	2
Business premises	32

Shops.

Routine inspections of shops under the various Acts and Regulations are carried out. These aspects cover the hygiene control of display and sale of foodstuffs, the welfare and amenities provided for employees and generally the visits serve as a useful contact should any information and advice be required.

The following is an extract from the statistical report to the Ministry of Labour:—

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

	No. of premises registered during the year.	Total No. of registered premises	No. of premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year
Offices	5	56	4
Retail Shops	1	131	92
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	—	9	8
Catering Establishments open to the Public Canteens	—	23	23
Fuel Storage Depots	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	6	219	127

Court Proceedings.

It was necessary during the year to institute proceedings against several persons for offences under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations and the Public Health Acts.

One case was taken in respect of a restaurant, three in respect of mobile food shops and two under the Public Health Act where Nuisance Orders were obtained for failure to comply with repair notices.

One case was instituted under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, for failure to treat or to allow treatment for rat infestation.

Fines and costs totalling £64 13s. 0d. were imposed by the magistrates.

FACTORIES

The factories in the district have been systematically inspected and the details as required by the Factory Act 1961 are set out in the table below.

1.—Inspection for purposes of Provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of—		Occupiers Prosecuted
		Inspections	Written Notices	
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	—	—	...	—
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	125	62	4	—
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	2	2	—	—
Total	127	64	4	—

FACTORIES—Continued

2.—Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found—				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	3	...	...	...	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	3	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	...	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	...	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	...	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—	—	...	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient	—	...	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	6	...	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	6	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	...	...	...	—
Total	9	...	—	...	—

3.—**Outwork.**—During the year no outworkers were notified as residing in this district.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

This Act came into force on the 1st November, 1951.

The following firm was granted renewal of its licence during the year :

- 1—Messrs. Christie-Tyler Ltd., in respect of building at Bennett Street, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Chair and Seat Manufacturers.

HOUSING

Number of Council owned Houses—

Temporary and Permanent	5,268
(Pre-War 817. Post-War 4,451)	

Number of New Houses erected during the year—

(a) By Local Authority	248
(b) By Private Enterprise, etc.	262
(c) Aged Persons Bungalows	8

Inspection of Dwelling Houses—

1. Clearance Areas—Houses Demolished	11
2. Closing and Demolition Orders	21
3. Legal Undertakings received	1

As a result of these Clearance Areas, Closing and Demolition Orders, a total of 58 persons were rehoused.

5. Housing Repairs—

(a) Unfit Houses made fit by	
(1) Informal action	29
(2) Formal action—	
(a) By Owners	15
(b) By Council	—
6. Closing Orders revoked	6
7. Undertakings Cancelled	4
8. Improvement Grants	118

Since 1952, 870 houses have been improved by way of Grants at a cost of £169,824.

The Demolition Survey Sub-Committee kept under review the properties in your Area scheduled for demolition.

Allocation of Council Houses

During the year 36 applicants were housed for urgent medical reasons and many transfers effected.

The Committee continues to be aware of the housing difficulties of the aged and appreciate the problems that arise in occupying houses which are too large and too inconvenient for their special needs.

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking the House Letting Committee and the Housing Manager for their co-operation in connection with the medical cases submitted.

1.	Number of houses owned by the Council	5,268
2.	Number of houses built by the Council from 1st January, 1968 to 31st December, 1968	248
3.	Number of applicants granted Housing accommodation during the year :	
	(a) Normal points list	253
	(b) Ill-health list " B "	36
	(c) Demolition and Closing Orders	53
	(d) Special	63
	(e) Key and Steel Co. Workers	38
	(f) Pensioners Bungalows and Flatlets	19
	Total Houses Let ...	462

5.	Number of applicants for houses as registered in :		
		Jan. 31st, 1968	Dec. 31st, 1968
	Pyle Zone	261	193
	Sarn Zone	139	114
	Southern Zone and Bryntirion ...	128	77
	Pencoed Zone	59	57
	Llangynwyd Zone	20	14
	Total	607	455

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply.

Milk today is one of the safest of foods. In the past it has been responsible for many cases of tuberculosis and outbreaks of diseases such as scarlet and undulant fever. This security has been achieved by the control of tuberculosis in the dairy herds, the supervision of milk production and the heat treatment given to most of the milk we drink.

(b) Meat and Other Foods.

Regular inspection of all shops, stalls and vehicles is carried out.

(c) Adulteration, etc.

Public Health Inspectors of the Glamorgan County Council are responsible for the sampling under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Samples taken in the Penybont Rural District by the County Sampling Officers during the year ended 31st December, 1968.

Almonds (ground)	2	Mustard	1
Aspirins/pain relief tabs.	11	Peanut Butter	1
Bicarbonate of Soda	2	Pearl Barley	1
Butter	21	Peel (mixed)	1
Cake Sponge Pastry Mix etc.	5	Pie Filling	1
Cheese	5	Pudding (canned)	1
Cheese Spread	2	Rice (with beef)	1
Chocolate Drink	1	Rice Pudding	1
Chocolate Spread	2	Salad Cream	1
Cod Liver Oil	1	Salt	1
Coffee and Chicory	6	Sauces	8
Colouring	3	Semolina	1
Condensed Milk	3	Soda Water	2
Cooking Fat/Oil	3	Soft Drinks	31
Cream	10	Soup (canned)	3
Curry Powder	1	Spaghetti (canned)	1
Dessert Powder	2	Spices	1
Evaporated Milk	1	Stomach Powder	1
Fish	2	Sugar	1
Fish paste	8	Sweets	6
Flavouring	5	Syrup	1
Fruit (Canned)	5	Table Jelly	2
Fruit (dried)	3	Tapioca	1
Fruit Juice	5	Tea	3
Gelatine	2	Beg. Paste	1
Glycerine	1	Vegetables (canned)	9
Gravy Browning	2	Vegetables (dried)	6
Herbs	1	Vinegar	7
Honey	3	Vitamin Tabs. etc., drugs, cough medicine	10
Ice Cream	6	Foam Crystals	1
Jam	7	Lollie Syrup	1
Lard	4	Parika	1
Margarine	3	Skimmed Milk	3
Marmalade	1	Syrup of Figs	1
Marzipan	2	Wine	7
Meat Paste	1	Yoghurt	7
Meat Products	50	Zinc and Castor Oil B.P. ...	1
Milk	161	Yeast	1

None of the above samples were found to be deficient and no legal proceedings or warnings were necessary.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Three small slaughterhouses are licensed although two only are actually in operation these are Aberkenfig and Glanrhyd. The through-put totalled 1,188 animals and as in previous years a 100% meat inspection service was carried out.

The following table shows the details of animals inspected together with condemnations—

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	158 ...	— ...	10 ...	941 ...	594
Number Inspected	158 ...	— ...	10 ...	941 ...	594
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis					
Whole carcasses condemned	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	52 ...	— ...	— ...	88 ...	77
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis Cysticercosis	32.9 ...	— ...	— ...	9.4 ...	12.9
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcasses condemned	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	7
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	1.2
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Generalised and totally condemned	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—

KNACKERS YARD

The premises at Hendre owned by Messrs. Beresfords and like the slaughterhouses are subject to annual licensing and control by the local authority. It has been operated satisfactorily as a family concern for many years. Oils and bone meals are by-products of the works.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

The cases notified during the year were not of a serious nature. Except for the high incidence of measles the figure for the other notifiable diseases was low.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1968

Disease	Under 1 year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age unknown	Total
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	2	—	5	—	—	—	—	7
Whooping Cough	7	—	—	3	1	4	—	—	—	—	15
Measles	4	23	41	28	34	65	16	3	1	2	217
Menincogoccal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Primary Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jaundice	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	7	3	1	13
	11	23	41	33	35	75	17	11	4	3	253

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS

AREA	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Erysipelas	Puerperal Pyrexia	Dysentery	Meningococcal Infection	Primary Pneumonia	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Jaundice
Southern	2	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pyle and Kenfig Hill ...	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1
Sarn	—	7	8	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	7
Aberkenfig and Tondy	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Bryncethin and Blackmill	3	2	10	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Bryntirion and Laleston	—	—	45	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	1
Litchard and Coity	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pencoed and Coychurch	1	—	118	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Morgannwg Hospital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Llangynwyd	—	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Cornelly	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Cefn Cribbwr and Tythegston	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brynmenyn	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Heolycyw	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	7	15	217	—	—	—	—	1	15	2	13

Notifiable Diseases for each Month in 1968.

DISEASE	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Scarlet Fever	—	1	2	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	7
Whooping Cough	5	2	1	5	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	15
Measles	1	5	6	10	4	10	4	75	92	10	—	—	217
Acute Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	1	—	1	15
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	—	1	2	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	7	2	13
Jaundice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	6	9	11	17	6	13	4	78	103	13	7	3	270

Vital Statistics of whole District during 1968 and previous 30 years

Year	Population estimated to middle of each year	Live Births			Total Deaths Registered in the District		Transferable Deaths		Nett Deaths belonging to District			
		Uncorrected Number	Nett		Number	Rate	Of Non- residents registered in the District	Of Residents not regis- tered in the District	Under 1 Year		At all Ages	
			Number	Rate					Number	Rate per 1,000 Nett Births	Number	Rate
1939	30721	314	433	14.0	418	13.6	160	72	26	60.0	330	10.7
1940	31100	393	539	17.3	495	15.9	236	86	37	67.2	345	11.0
1941	32760	336	567	17.3	488	14.8	238	98	45	78.0	348	10.5
1942	32910	288	572	17.3	420	12.7	185	77	31	54.1	312	9.5
1943	32780	328	638	19.5	415	12.3	183	90	38	60.0	322	9.8
1944	31370	317	660	21.0	414	12.8	175	87	29	43.9	325	10.3
1945	30520	279	584	19.1	434	14.2	159	99	27	46.2	374	12.3
1946	33460	253	599	17.9	371	11.0	147	118	20	33.4	342	9.9
1947	33290	256	627	18.8	427	12.8	177	110	40	63.7	360	10.8
1948	34030	228	637	18.7	352	10.3	124	108	26	40.8	336	9.9
1949	34530	190	603	17.6	344	9.9	150	109	14	23.0	302	8.7
1950	34350	163	543	15.81	453	10.5	173	120	24	44.20	400	11.59
1951	33820	166	564	16.68	390	11.7	170	140	26	44.43	360	10.62
1952	34890	167	530	15.19	393	11.2	188	107	11	20.75	312	8.09
1953	35250	190	584	16.57	358	10.2	10	108	19	32.53	456	12.94
1954	35150	204	554	15.76	409	11.6	16	106	25	41.5	499	14.2
1955	35110	155	499	14.21	428	12.1	14	121	22	44.09	435	15.2
1956	35270	258	535	15.17	383	10.8	10	126	23	42.99	499	14.19
1957	35660	286	596	16.71	413	11.6	20	131	19	31.88	524	14.69
1958	36500	252	635	17.4	430	11.8	69	154	21	33.07	515	14.11
1959	37610	310	714	18.98	413	10.9	62	162	16	22.41	513	13.64
1960	38570	327	763	19.78	437	11.3	59	137	19	24.90	515	13.35
1961	41450	367	828	19.98	451	10.8	90	184	22	26.57	545	13.15
1962	42360	323	821	19.38	451	10.6	86	155	24	29.29	520	12.28
1963	43120	379	916	21.24	431	9.9	69	187	20	21.83	549	12.73
1964	44280	345	955	20.71	365	8.2	56	197	18	18.85	506	11.54
1965	45480	354	946	19.97	423	9.0	74	194	19	20.08	543	12.18
1966	46650	392	990	20.37	501	10.7	101	199	23	23.23	599	12.33
1967	47560	304	1047	21.1	455	9.5	109	206	25	24.0	552	11.6
1968	49310	238	1052	20.4	607	12.3	123	218	21	20.0	607	12.3

CANCER

The number of deaths certified as being caused by Cancer was 70.

Organs affected	—45 yrs.		45— yrs.		55— yrs.		65— yrs.		75— yrs.		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Lungs and Bronchus					6	1	6		3		15	1
Breast			2		1		2		1	1	1	6
Stomach					4	1	1		1		5	2
Uterus			2		2				1			5
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc	1		5	1	5	2	6	5	4	6	21	14
Totals	1		5	5	15	7	13	7	8	9	42	28

INFANT STATISTICS

Death of Infants under one year of age—

Total	13	...	8
Legitimate	13	...	8
Illegitimate	—	...	—

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks—

Total	8	...	7
Legitimate	8	...	7
Illegitimate	—	...	—

Live Births—Total	545	...	507
Legitimate	516	...	480
Illegitimate	29	...	27
Still Births—Total	13	...	5
Legitimate	13	...	5
Illegitimate	—	...	—

Causes of Death in Penybont Rural District, 1968

Population—49,310

Causes of Death		
	M.	F.
Entiritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	— ...	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1 ...	—
Other Tuberculosis, incl. late effects	— ...	2
Measles	— ...	1
Syphilis and its Sequelae	1 ...	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1 ...	—
Malignant Neoplasm—Stomach	5 ...	2
Malignant Neoplasm—Lung, Bronchus	15 ...	1
Malignant Neoplasm—Breast	1 ...	6
Malignant Neoplasm—Uterus	— ...	5
Leukaemia	3 ...	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	21 ...	14
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1 ...	—
Diabetes Mellitus	3 ...	5
Other Endocrine, etc. Diseases	— ...	1
Anaemias	3 ...	2
Mental Disorders	1 ...	3
Meningitis	— ...	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	4 ...	3
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1 ...	3
Hypertensive Disease	6 ...	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	96 ...	68
Other Forms of Heart Diseases	12 ...	17
Cerebrovascular Disease	27 ...	40
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	11 ...	12
Pneumonia	33 ...	70
Bronchitis and Emphysema	24 ...	3
Asthma	3 ...	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	3 ...	4
Peptic Ulcer	1 ...	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1 ...	—
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1 ...	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	3 ...	—
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	3 ...	5
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	— ...	1
Congenital Anomalies	4 ...	3
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc	4 ...	3
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	2 ...	2
Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions	2 ...	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5 ...	—
All Other Accidents	8 ...	6
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1 ...	2
All Other External Causes	— ...	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	311 ...	296

In conclusion I would like to record that the kindly interest shown by all members of the Council has been much appreciated by myself and the Public Health Department Staff. I wish to again acknowledge my indebtedness to each member of the Council Staff for their willing co-operation and particularly to Mr. Battick your Senior Public Health Inspector, and the other members of the Public Health Department, for their assistance during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.

